guage ? How often have I reproached them with the abus< of this in the Council of State! To hear them oru would have to be born in the navy to understand any thing about it. It was in vain I struggled, I had to giv< in to their unanimity, not, however, without warning them that I left it on their consciences.

9th. Sidney Smith is a brave officer. He is active intelligent, intriguing, and indefatigable; but I believe that he is half insane. Had it not been for that, I woulc have taken Acre in spite of him. He dispersed proclamations amongst my troops, which certainly shook some oi them, and I therefore published an order stating thai he was mad, and forbidding all communication with him Some days after he sent, by means of a flag of truce, £ lieutenant with a letter containing a challenge to me tc meet him at some place he pointed out, in order to fighl a duel. I laughed at this and sent him back an intimatior that when he brought Marlborough to fight with me,] would meet him. Notwithstanding this, I like the char acter of the man.

llth. Democracy may run mad, but it has a heart, i' can be moved; an aristocracy always remains cold, an< never forgives.

16th. I am assured that it is through (Wellington) tha

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